

UNLESS the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it... Psalm 127:1a

Worship:

Tabernacle Worship Service

Every Sunday Evening

St. John's Parish House

75 East Main St. South Pottstown 5:30 pm

Home Churches:

Hanover St. Home Church

Tuesday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown

7:00 to 9:00

Bright Hope Community Home Church

Thursday Afternoons

Myrtle Street, Pottstown

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

MAIN Street Shelter

On Summer Hiatus Until November

Fund raising and shelter cleanup efforts are beginning this month

Norman's Game Night

3rd Saturday Evening Each Month

King St Commons, 7:00 pm

Announcements:

No Home Church on Tuesday the Moyers are on vacation this week.

MISSING PERSON - KIM TWADDELL has been missing since 1PM on Thursday 8/20/09. She stopped at her parents at noon and was in North Coventry at 1PM. She was wearing a white t-shirt and dark blue hospital scrub pants from her job at Pottstown Hospital. She was driving a silver Toyota Highlander Pa LP #FHT-0361.

Pray for an answer. Her entire family and many friends have been searching and their hearts are broken. If you have any info involving this please contact Lenny Cox at 610-385-6037 or call the North Coventry Police.

Your Prayer Notes:

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

2008/2009 Season has come to an end and the work of fund raising, laundry, and storage are beginning. Please pray to see where God would have you to help!! See Ron Caulk for details, and remember to thank God for the host churches!!

Remember in prayer, those requests from last week:

Pray for our shelter friends, for fulltime employment, apartments, and strength during temptation; remember.

Please, also keep all of us in prayer; as we seek rest, and to be graceful to those who misunderstand us, our mission, and judge us out of ignorance.

Next Week's Scriptures:

August 30, 2009: Proper 17 (Year B)

psalm 45.1-2, 6-9, song of solomon 2.8-13,

mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23, & james 1.17-27

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A House for God

Or, Good Tenants/
Bad Tenants

Worship
psalm 84

1 kings 8. 1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43,

john 6. 56-59

ephesians 6 .10-20

Benediction

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[Service]

Tonight...

Focus Film ::

“Armor of God”

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 84

Congregation Song Worship ::

~ offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his

Scripture Reading ::

deeds with songs of joy

1 Kings 8.1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

Focus Film ::

“Emancipation & Exodus”

The Scripture ~

A House for God Or, Good tenants/Bad Tenants

...Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.

John 6. 61b—66

This week's Lectionary:

psalm 84, 1 kings 8.1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43,
john 6.56-59 & ephesians 6.10-20

Focus Film ::

“A New Economy”

Benediction ::

Romans 16.25-27

[Journaling Worship
your talking points notes...

for this Week's Church Discussion]
¥ dream houses of heaven

¥ ancestral bragging rights

¥ the joy of house arrest

Meditation:

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart..." 1 Kings 8. 5, 1—52

Reflection:

Solomon, who stands in the presence of God's glory in 1 Kings 8, will be amassing slaves, weapons, and foreign allegiances in 1 Kings 9-11. Writing from the underside of empire, Paul ironically models his "armor of God" metaphor on the Roman centurion holding him "in chains." What does empire mean for Christians today? - Don Golden

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Psalm 84

[Worship]

1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
2 My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. 3 Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. 4 Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah

5 Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. 6 As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. 7 They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah

9 Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed. 10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. 11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly. 12 O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Consider:

[Words]

Solomon's obsession with the temple, its ritual, and the self-reverential power base it represents in his expanding empire smacks of "business as usual." However, tucked away in the small print of the Old Testament reading is Solomon's prayer to God that if "foreigners come and pray in this temple," God will "listen and grant all that the foreigner asks of you, so that all peoples of the earth may acknowledge your name and revere you" (1 Kings 8.43). Within the vision of the temple there lies, too, the hope that it will be the focus for a unified creation.

The vision of the temple as a symbol of harmony for creation, between nations and between the cosmos and God, is sadly unfulfilled. Jesus tackled the oppression and exploitation of God's house in an extraordinary demonstration of resistance (John 2.14-

20). His insistence that his body is the new temple (John 2.20-21), and that it is to be eaten, is regarded as intolerable language to those who hear it, including the disciples (John 6.60-66). And yet a glimmer of hope exists. When it seems all will fall, Peter says, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life and we believe; we have come to know you as the Holy One of God" (John 6.68-69).

Words, however, will not suffice. Belief has to be matched with a preparation for the inevitable struggle for justice and harmony. Put on the full armor of God so as to be able to resist the devil's tactics, commands Paul (Ephesians 6.11). All systems and structures, however benign, will seek to usurp the place of the spirit that gives life. But, as the psalmist writes, the dwelling places of God are still lovely, and we who would see them must yearn and pine for the living God.




Reflection and Action

In what ways have you come to know and believe Jesus as the Holy One of God? How does this inform your action for justice?

[Scripture]

Ephesians 6.10-20

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. 15 As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. 16 With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 6:18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. 19 Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.



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Daily Lectionary Readings
for Ordinary Calendar Year B [Worship]

These readings are adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*, Daily Readings for Year One.

Sun Aug 2	am: 93, 96 pm: 34	2 Sam 6:12-23	Rom 14:7-12	John 1:43-51
Mon P13 Aug 3	am: 80 pm: 77, 19	2 Sam 7:1-17	Acts 18:1-11	Mark 8:11-21
Tue Aug 4	am: 78:1-39 pm: 78:40-72	2 Sam 7:18-29	Acts 18:12-28	Mark 8:22-33
Wed Aug 5	am: 119:97-120 pm: 81, 82	2 Sam 9:1-13	Acts 19:1-10	Mark 8:34-9:1
Thur Aug 6	am: 83 pm: 85, 86	2 Sam 11:1-27	Acts 19:11-20	Mark 9:2-13
Fri Aug 7	am: 88 pm: 91, 92	2 Sam 12:1-14	Acts 19:21-41	Mark 9:14-29
Sat Aug 8	am: 87, 90 pm: 136	2 sam 12:15-31	Acts 20:1-16	Mark 9:30-41
Sun Aug 9	am: 66, 67 pm: 19, 46	2 Sam 13:1-22	Rom 15:1-13	John 3:22-36
Mon P14 Aug 10	am: 89:1-18 pm: 89:19-52	2 Sam 13:23-39	Acts 20:17-38	Mark 9:42-50
Tue Aug 11	am: 97, 99, 100 pm: 94, 95	2 Sam 14:1-20	Acts 21:1-14	Mark 10:1-16
Wed Aug 12	am: 101, 109 pm: 119:121-144	2 Sam 14:21-33	Acts 21:15-26	Mark 10:17-31
Thur Aug 13	am: 105:1-22 pm: 105:23-45	2 Sam 15:1-18	Acts 21:27-36	Mark 10:32-45
Fri Aug 14	am: 102 pm: 107:1-32	2 Sam 15:19-37	Acts 21:37-22:16	Mark 10:46-52
Sat Aug 15	am: 107:33-43, 108 pm: 33	2 Sam 16:1-23	Acts 22:17-29	Mark 11:1-11
Sun Aug 16	am: 118 pm: 145	2 Sam 17:1-23	Gal 3:6-14	John 5:30-47
Mon P15 Aug 17	am: 106:1-18 pm: 106:19-48	2 Sam 17:24-18:8	Acts 22:30-23:11	Mark 11:12-26
Tue Aug 18	am: 121, 122, 123 pm: 124, 125, 126	2 Sam 18:9-18	Acts 23:12-24	Mark 11:27-12:12
Wed Aug 19	am: 119:145-176 pm: 128, 129, 130	2 Sam 18:18-33	Acts 23:23-35	Mark 12:13-27
Thur Aug 20	am: 131, 132, 133 pm: 134, 135	2 Sam 19:1-23	Acts 24:1-23	Mark 12:28-34
Fri Aug 21	am: 140, 142 pm: 141, 143	2 Sam 19:24-43	Acts 24:24-25:12	Mark 12:35-44

Sat Aug 22	am: 137, 144 pm: 104	2 Sam 23:1-7, 13-17	Acts 25:13-27	Mark 13:1-13
Sun Aug 23	am: 146, 147 pm: 111, 112, 113	2 Sam 24:1-2, 10-25	Gal 3:23-4:7	John 8:12-20
Mon P16 Aug 24	am: 1, 2, 3 pm: 4, 7	1 Kng 1:5-31	Acts 26:1-23	Mark 13:14-27
Tue Aug 25	am: 5, 6 pm: 10, 11	1 Kng 1:38-2:4	Acts 26:24-27:8	Mark 13:28-37
Wed Aug 26	am: 119:1-24 pm: 12, 13, 14	1 Kng 3:1-15	Acts 27:9-26	Mark 14:1-11
Thur Aug 27	am: 18:1-20 pm: 18:21-50	1 Kng 3:16-28	Acts 27:27-44	Mark 14:12-26
Fri Aug 28	am: 16, 17 pm: 22	1 Kng 5:1-6:1, 7	Acts 28:1-16	Mark 14:27-42
Sat Aug 29	am: 20, 21 pm: 110, 116, 117	1 Kng 7:51-8:21	Acts 28:17-31	Mark 14:43-52
Sun Aug 30	am: 148, 149, 150 pm: 114, 115	1 Kng 8:22-40	1 Tim 4:7b-16	John 8:47-59
Mon P17 Aug 31	am: 25 pm: 9, 15	2 Ch 6:32-7:7	Jam 2:1-13	Mark 14:53-65
Tue Sept 1	am: 26, 28 pm: 36, 39	1 Kng 8:65-9:9	Jam 2:14-26	Mark 14:66-72
Wed Sept 2	am: 38 pm: 119:25-48	1 Kng 9:24-10:13	Jam 3:1-12	Mark 15:1-11
Thur Sept 3	am: 37:1-18 pm: 37:19-42	1 Kng 11:1-13	Jam 3:13-4:12	Mark 15:12-21
Fri Sept 4	am: 31 pm: 35	1 Kng 11:26-43	Jam 4:13-5:6	Mark 15:22-32
Sat Sept 5	am: 30, 32 pm: 42, 43	1 Kng 12:1-20	Jam 5:7-12, 19-20	Mark 15:33-39

your talking points notes...